

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2591–S2618

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2822. **Page S2612**

Measures Considered:

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2591–S2606, S2607–10**
Adopted:

By 76 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 91), Voinovich Modified Amendment No. 4406 (to Amendment No. 4387), to protect families most vulnerable to foreclosure due to a sudden loss of income by extending the depreciation incentive to loss companies that have accumulated alternative minimum tax and research and development tax credits. **Pages S2591, S2592–93, S2610**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding adoption of Voinovich Modified Amendment No. 4406, that the amendment be further modified. **Page S2610**

Landrieu Further Modified Amendment No. 4389 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions, and to waive the deadline on the construction of GO Zone property which is eligible for bonus depreciation. **Pages S2591–92, S2593–94**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2591**

Sanders Amendment No. 4401 (to Amendment No. 4387), to establish a national consumer credit usury rate. **Page S2592**

Cardin/Ensign Amendment No. 4421 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer. **Page S2592**

Ensign Amendment No. 4419 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law. **Pages S2595–96, S2601–02**

Alexander Amendment No. 4429 (to Amendment No. 4419), to provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity. **Pages S2596–98**

Nelson (FL)/Coleman Amendment No. 4423 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds to provide foreclosure recovery relief for individuals with mortgages on their principal residences. **Pages S2598–S2601**

Lincoln Amendment No. 4382 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an incentive to employers to offer group legal plans that provide a benefit for real estate and foreclosure review. **Pages S2602–03**

Lincoln (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4433 (to Amendment No. 4387), to modify the increase in volume cap for housing bonds in 2008. **Page S2603**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4404 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the provisions relating to qualified mortgage bonds to include relief for persons in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. **Pages S2603–05**

Sanders Amendment No. 4384 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an increase in specially adapted housing benefits for disabled veterans. **Pages S2605–06**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 74 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 92), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion

to waive section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Landrieu Further Modified Amendment No. 4389 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions, and to waive the deadline on the construction of GO Zone property which is eligible for bonus depreciation. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, April 4, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2008, and that Senators have until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 7, 2008, to file first-degree amendments.

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Consolidated Natural Resources Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2739, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to

implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—92)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2618.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 5713; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 322 and H. Res. 1081, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community, adversely (H. Rept. 110–541, Pt. 2);

H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie

Tribe of Chippewa Indians, adversely (H. Rept. 110–542, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 1328, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–564, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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